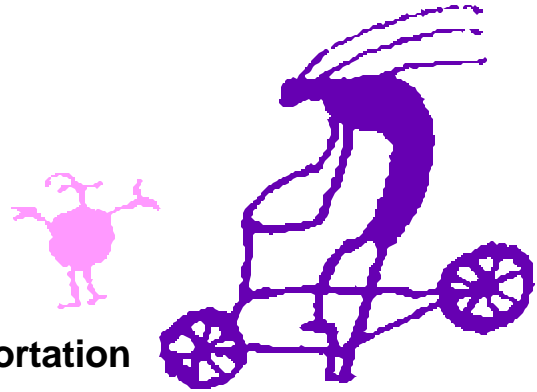


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Gilbert passes Child Helmet Ordinance

On May 29, 2001, the Gilbert Town Council passed Maricopa County's first bicycle helmet law. As of August 27, 2001, it will not be legal for anyone under the age of 18 to ride a bicycle in Gilbert unless they are wearing a helmet. The law also applies to children riding in a restraining seat or in a trailer attached to a bicycle.

Other communities in Arizona with similar regulations are the cities of Tucson and Yuma.

MCDOT Planner becomes new Arizona Bicycle Coordinator

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has announced that Carol Scherbarth, a transportation planner at MCDOT, will be the next Arizona state bicycle coordinator.

Carol will be joining ADOT on June 25th as a Senior Transportation Planner. One of her primary duties will be the coordination of bike/ped activities for ADOT. She has a Master's Degree in City and Regional Planning, and several years of experience in Transportation Planning. Carol spent several years working for the Pinellas County MPO in Florida where she was responsible for the bicycle/pedestrian program.

Meetings

May 2001

Public Meeting Schedule

The public meeting schedule is subject to change. Please call to confirm dates and times. For on-line information go to:

<http://www.mcdot.maricopa.gov/CgrComm/pubmtg/s/present.htm>

6.19.2001

SR Loop 303 Design Concept Report

Location: Dysart High School
11405 N. Dysart Road
El Mirage, AZ
Sami Ayoub: 602-506-4662
Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

6.29.2001

Sun Valley Parkway Evaluation Ride

Location: Sun Valley Parkway
near McMicken Dam
Reed Kempton: 602-506-1630
Time: 7 a.m.



National Strategies for Advancing Bicycle Safety

An advance version of the *National Strategies for Advancing Bicycle Safety* has been released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, and the Federal Highway Administration. The National Strategies document outlines specific actions to improve bicycle safety in five major areas:

- 1) sharing the road with motorists;
- 2) enhancing bicycle safety education;
- 3) increasing bicycle helmet use;
- 4) enhancing the role of the legal system in promoting bicycle safety,
- 5) using bicycle facilities and community planning for bicycle safety.

To view the advance version of the document, and to learn more about how it was developed, visit

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/bike>

National Transportation Statistics 2000 Now Available

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) has released the National Transportation Statistics 2000 (NTS). The NTS 2000

provides extensive information about transportation topics. Among other things, it details transportation's safety record, providing data on fatalities, injuries, and accidents for each mode, and hazardous material incidents.

To View NTS 2000 on-line:

<http://www.bts.gov/btsprod/nts/>

Sun Valley Parkway Ride

Now that the chip seal project is complete on the Sun Valley Parkway, a bicycle evaluation ride will take place. When the project began, there were a large number of citizens concerned about the ultimate surface and whether or not it would be suitable for bicycles. At 7 a.m. on Friday, June 29, 2001, Reed Kempton, MCDOT Bicycle / Planner, will ride the parkway with any interested persons. Further information on the exact staging area, where to park, and other details will be made available in the next couple of weeks and posted on the MCDOT Bicycle web page. Anyone interested in participating should contact Reed at 602-506-1630 or reedkempton@mail.maricopa.gov.

MCDOT Bicycle Web Page

www.mcdot.maricopa.gov/Bicycle/



These county cyclists are enjoying one of the canyon roads leading to a popular lake.